

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined and were rejected. The drawings are being amended to correct numbering, add elements of the original specification and drawings, correct other scrivener's errors and further illustrate embodiments disclosed in the originally filed application. The specification is being amended to correct numbering inconsistency, add further drawing references, add elements shown in the originally filed drawings, and to correct grammar and other scrivener's errors. Claims 1-4 are being cancelled and new claims 5-48 are being added without any intent to narrow the claims. Claims 5-48 are currently pending and no new matter is being added.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance via telephone, as well as the Examiner's agreement to accept redline copies of re-constructed drawings and new replacement drawings rather than requiring redlined prior-filed drawings. The Examiner also indicated his preference to receive only citations to the specification rather than the referenced text; such text is therefore absent from this response. The Examiner's agreement to consider the use of the term "conversant" in the originally filed and current claims is also greatly appreciated, as are his efforts to avoid finality. Deficiencies such as those of the cited reference are discussed, for example, in the Background of the Invention, while conversance, conversant commands, conversant execution and related embodiments are disclosed in great detail in the Summary of the Invention and throughout the originally filed Specification and drawings.

Attached to this Amendment is a copy of the drawings for figures 2, 3a, 4a, 4c, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a-e, 8e-g, second 6a-b, 6c-e, 10-1, 10-2, second figures 5, 8 and 10, and figures 11a, 11b, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 with proposed changes shown in RED ink. The proposed changes include correction of numbering, addition of elements described in the originally filed specification, correction of other scrivener's errors (e.g., returning details of the original hand drawings inadvertently excluded from their computer replacements) and further illustration of embodiments disclosed in the originally filed application. Replacement drawings for existing figures 2, 3a, 4a, 4c, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a-e, 8e-g, second 6a-b,

6c-e, 10-1, 10-2, second figures 5, 8 and 10, and figures 11a, 11b, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 are attached, as are drawings for new figures 12b-d, 13a-c, 14, 15d-g and 17.

Support for the amendments to the drawings includes at least the following:

Amended FIG. 2, adds memory 209 and interfacing system element(s) 212. The originally filed specification discloses such elements respectively at least at page 22, lines 21 and page 20, lines 6-7.

Amended FIG. 3a adds movement indicators 311a as well as: a note implement; input device; stylus, electronic book, files and a stylus; further books; a (television or other) monitor; and (home or other) entertainment equipment, e.g., a stereo, gaming system, DVR, receiver, transceiver, and so on. Such elements are disclosed in the originally filed figure 3a as well as broadly and more specifically in the originally filed specification at least at page 27, lines 14-15, page 32, lines 13-15, page 73, lines 5-6, page 78, lines 11-13. page 19, lines 13-14, page 20, lines 2-3, page 20, line 12 and page 21, lines 26-29.

Amended FIG. 7d adds a box around the pre-existing explicit designation resolver 732, and adds cued input resolver 738. A cued input resolver embodiment is disclosed in the originally filed specification at least at page 70, lines 26-27.

Amended FIG. 12e-1, previously the un-amended bottom-most portion of FIG. 21, and NEW FIG. 12e-2 are supported by at least the originally filed figure 21 (bottom-right) and specification at least at page 100, lines 5-13 and page 102, lines 7-11.

NEW FIG. 12b illustrates an embodiment of differentiating, inhibiting routing or otherwise processing command, data and/or dictation information or types thereof. Support is disclosed in at least the originally filed figures 1, 3a-c, 4b-c, 5a-b, 6a, 7c-e, 8b-c, 8e-g, second 5 and 6d, 10-2, 11a, 13 and 19. Support is also provided in the originally filed specification at least at page 5, lines 11-15, page 5, line 31 – page 6, line 3, page 6, lines 6-8, page 17, lines 7-11, page 21, lines 3-4, page 32, lines 18-20, page 65, lines 15-17, page 66, lines 12-13, page 69, lines 23-25, page 71, lines 5-9, page 77, lines 1-5, page 80, lines 19-20.

New FIG. 12b also illustrates an embodiment of extended grouping and form contexts. These are supported by at least the originally filed figures 3b-c, 4a, 5a-b, 7b, 8d,

8g, 10-1, 11a-c, 12 and 13, and in the originally filed specification at least at page 25, lines 3-10 and page 38, lines 4-8.

NEW FIG. 12c is supported by the originally filed specification at least at page 35, lines 13-20.

NEW FIG. 12d is supported by the originally filed specification at least at page 30, lines 29-31, page 33, lines 9-18, page 36, lines 23-31, page 57, lines 5-8, page 87, lines 18-27, and page 88, lines 10-15.

NEW FIG. 12g is supported by the originally filed specification at least at page 107, lines 22-25, page 108, lines 1-6, page 32, line 30 – page 33, line 1, page 54, lines 15-18, page 114, line 31 – page 115, line 1, and the originally filed appendix section entitled *Addressing an Email Message* using the Find People window and subsections entitled *Enter Field Info* and *To Select Listed Records*.

NEW FIG. 12h is supported by the originally filed specification at least at page 36, lines 6-11, page 11, lines 28-30 and page 15, lines 18-20.

NEW FIG. 13a is supported by the originally filed specification at least at page 5, lines 11-15, page 5, line 31 – page 6, line 3, page 6, lines 6-8, page 96, lines 6-24, the originally filed appendix section entitled 3b *Addressing Messages* and subsections entitled *Addressing an email message* and *Misc Commands*, page 45, lines 15-16, page 109, lines 6-7, page 38, lines 25-28, and the originally filed appendix section entitled 3a *Creating NEW Email Messages* and subsection entitled *Inserting Within or Attaching to an Email Message*.

NEW FIG. 13b is supported by at least the originally filed figure 3a and specification at least at page 21, lines 4-11, page 26, lines 3-11, page 30, lines 6-7 and page 30, lines 19-21.

NEW FIG. 13c is supported by at least the originally filed specification at least at page 80, line 29 – page 81, line 7, and page 56, lines 27-30.

NEW FIG. 14 is supported by at least the originally filed specification at least at page 105, lines 5-14, page 30, line 31 – page 31, line 4, page 66, lines 1-4 and page 99, lines 9-10.

NEW FIG. 15d is supported by at least the originally filed specification at least at page 17, lines 7-17, page 65, lines 15-21, page 67, lines 2-5, and page 70, lines 4-21.

NEW FIGS. 15e-g and NEW FIG. 17 are supported by at least the originally filed figures 1-8g, second 6a-d (now 9a-d), 10-1 through 10-2 (now 10a-b), second 5 (now 10c), 19 (now 10d), 11a, 21 bottom (now 12e-1), 21 bottom right (now 12e-2), 14 (now 12f) 21 top and middle (now 15a-c) and 20 (now 16). New FIGS. 15e, 15f and 17 are also supported by the originally filed specification at least at page 27, lines 29 – page 28, line 4, page 67, line 29 – page 68, line 6, page 68, lines 7-8, page 68, lines 14-29, page 65, lines 10-13, page 55, lines 4-7, page 46, lines 26-29, page 47, line 29 – page 48, line 2 and page 71, lines 20-29. New FIG. 15g is further supported at least by the originally filed specification at page 27, lines 8-13.

Support for the amendments to the specification and claims, and addition of new claims includes at least the originally filed specification at page 5, lines 11-15, page 5, line 11 – page 6, line 8, page 15, lines 18-20, page 17, lines 7-17, page 18, lines 19-24, page 19, lines 13-14, page 20, lines 2-12, page 21, lines 3-11 and lines 26-29, page 22, line 21, page 25, lines 3-10, page 26, lines 3-11, page 27, lines 8-15, page 27, line 29 through page 28, line 4, page 29, lines 7-9, page 30, lines 6-7, page 30, line 19 through page 31, line 4, page 32, line 13 through page 33, line 18, page 35, lines 13-20, page 36, lines 6-31, page 38, lines 3-8, page 46, lines 26-29, page 47, line 29 – page 48, line 2, page 54, lines 15-18, page 55, lines 4-7, page 56, lines 10-14 and 27-30, page 57, lines 5-8, page 62, lines 17-18, page 63, lines 25-26, page 65, lines 10-21, page 66, lines 1-4 and 12-13, page 67, lines 2-5, page 67, line 29 through page 68, line 8, page 68, lines 14-29, page 69, lines 23-25, page 70, lines 4-27, page 71, lines 5-9 and 20-29, page 73, lines 5-6, page 77, lines 1-5, page 78, lines 11-13, page 80, line 19 through page 81, line 7, page 87, lines 18-27, page 88, lines 10-15, page 96, lines 6-24, page 99, lines 9-10, page 100, lines 5-13 and page 102, lines 7-11. page 105, lines 5-14, page 107, lines 22-25, page 108, lines 1-6, and page 114, line 31 through page 115, line 1. Further support is also provided at least by the originally filed drawings, claims and appendix, and by the provisional application incorporated by reference in the originally filed application.

Rejections under 35 USC §112

In items 1 through 2, page 2, the Examiner accepts the submitted replacement drawings, but objects to the drawings of Figures 5, 61-c, 8, 10-1, 10-2 and 12-21 as “failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(4). The Examiner asserts that (a) the first and second instances of a same numeric reference of FIGS. 6a and 6b “designate flow featuring entirely different content”; (b) reference drawings for FIGS. 5, 6c-e, 8, 10-1, 10-2, 11-b, 12-14 and 19-21 are not mentioned in the brief description of the drawings; and (c) drawings for FIGS. 15-18 are not in numeric sequence since the drawings within the sequence are not found in the application.

Regarding item 2a (FIGS. 6a-b), Applicant has re-numbered FIG. 6b as FIG. 4d, which, as with figures 4a-c, also addresses FIG. 1 embodiment details/alternatives. Applicant asserts, however, that the original numeric reference provides better clarity according to corresponding references in the specification. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection and the Examiner’s agreement that the original numeric referencing for FIG. 6b may be restored.

Regarding item 2b (FIGS. 5, 6c-e, 8, 10-1, 10-2, 11-b, 12-14 and 19-21), the presently requested amendment amends the Brief Description of the Drawings to ensure that all existing and new drawings are now referenced in the specification. Withdrawal of the objection is therefore respectfully requested.

Regarding item 2c (FIGS. 15-18), the present Amendment is substantially directed at re-numbering the drawings and drawing elements of the respective embodiments. The deficiency objected to (gaps in drawing numbering) is corrected, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Specification

In item 3, page 2, the Examiner notes that the lengthy Specification was not checked for minor errors and requests Applicant’s cooperation.

Applicant has reviewed the Specification for errors and has, through an also lengthy present Amendment, corrected minor errors, provided more extensive referencing and removed numbering discrepancies respecting corresponding drawings. Applicant submits that he has attempted to be as cooperative as possible.

In item 4, page 2, the Examiner asserts that “Figs.: 5, 6a-c, 10, 10-1, 10-2, 11a, 11b, 12-14 and 19-21 are not listed in the brief or detailed drawing descriptions” and that “Appropriate correction is required”.

As noted respecting the above items 1-3, Applicant has re-numbered the drawings, elements and references thereto in the Specification (as well as in the Drawings), and has added references to the noted drawings –as amended- in the brief and detailed descriptions. Withdrawal of the objection/requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102

In items 5-6, page 3, the Examiner rejects claims 1 through 4 under 35 USC §102 as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,761,420 to Johnson et al (hereinafter “Johnson”).

Regarding claims 1 and 3, the Examiner asserts that Johnson shows “an interfacing method and system (*voice command interface*. Col. 4, Line 36) comprising: receiving machine information corresponding to a machine (*recognizing an input into the voice control system*, Col. 4, Lines 40-43); determining objectives corresponding to the machine information (*issues keystrokes to a keyboard determined by the voice control system*. Col. 4, Lines 40-32); and determining conversant commands corresponding to the objectives (*voice control system that recognizes a voice command through a template with a trained voice field*. Col. 4, Lines 36-43).

While Applicant disagrees with the Examiner at least in that Johnson fails to teach or suggest determining *conversant* commands, let alone conversant commands corresponding to *objectives*, claims 1 and 3 are cancelled and the rejection of claims 1 and 3 is thereby rendered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3 is therefore respectfully requested.

Regarding claim 2, the Examiner asserts that Johnson discloses a conversant interface formed according to the method of claim 1 (*voice control interface that recognizes a voice command through a template with a trained voice field*. Col. 4, Lines 36-43).

Applicant again strongly disagrees with the Examiner at least in that Johnson fails to teach or suggest either a *conversant interface* or a conversant interface formed according to the method of claim 1. Johnson is completely unconcerned with conversance or considerations or solutions that may enable conversant commands, conversant execution, and so on. However, claim 2 is cancelled and the rejection of claim 2 is thereby rendered moot. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 2 is respectfully requested.

Regarding claim 4, the Examiner asserts that John discloses a computer readable medium having stored thereon computer code for causing a computer to perform the steps of (*floppy disk and drive containing a computer program that implements the voice command interface using a data processing system*. Col. 3, Lines 29-32); receiving machine information corresponding to a machine (*recognizing an input into the voice control system*. Col. 4, Lines 40-43); determining objectives corresponding to the machine information (*issues keystrokes to a keyboard determined by the voice control system*. Col. 4, Lines 36-43); and determining conversant commands corresponding to the objectives (*voice control system that recognizes a voice command through a template with a trained voice field*. Col. 4, lines 36-43).

While Applicant again strongly disagrees with the Examiner for at least the same reasons as given with respect to the rejection of claims 1-3 (above), cancellation of claim 4 renders the rejection moot. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Therefore, for at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-4 under 35 USC §102.

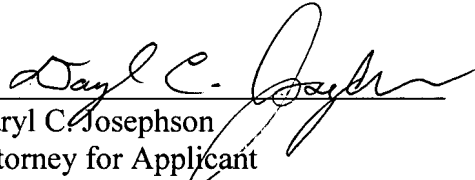
In summary, claims 1-4 were pending in this application. This response cancels claims 1-4 and adds new claims 5-48. For at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections and rejections, and early allowance of claims 5-48.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 631-4232.

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